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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 7
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A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Jason Samuel Kite of
Nashville.

WHEREAS, it was with deep sadness and a profound sense of loss that the members of the Tennessee General Assembly and the citizens of our state learned of the death of Jason Samuel Kite; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Kite was an exemplary citizen of the state of Tennessee who was wholly dedicated to improving the quality of life for his family and his fellow Tennesseans; and

WHEREAS, a native of Nashville, Jason Kite was a student at the University of Tennessee at Knoxville and was scheduled to graduate December 16, 2000, with a bachelor's degree in ornamental horticulture and landscape design; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Kite was an active and devout member of the Belmont United Methodist Church, which he served faithfully for many years; he had participated in two work-mission trips with church groups from Belmont, one to Mexico in 1998 and the other to Zimbabwe in 2000; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Kite was a member of Boy Scout Troop 92 and had achieved the rank of Eagle Scout; and

WHEREAS, Jason attended Eakin Elementary School and was a 1996 graduate of Hillsboro High School, where he was a member of the wrestling team; and

WHEREAS, an avid sports participant, Jason played in church basketball leagues during junior high and high school; and

WHEREAS, Jason served summer internships at Cheekwood Botanical Gardens and AAA Landscaping; recently, he had completed a graphics design workshop with Mike Linn in Manhattan, Kansas; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Kite was also deeply devoted to his family, and he always endeavored to remain true to family values of the highest order; and

WHEREAS, the legacy that Jason Kite leaves behind will be fondly remembered and greatly treasured by his family and friends for many years to come; and

WHEREAS, Jason is survived by his mother, Sue Council of Nashville; his father and stepmother, Charles and Chris Kite of Knoxville; his brother, Sean Kite and his wife, Julie, of Vail, Colorado; and by his sisters, Jennifer Kite, Stephanie Kite, and Jeanne Bowen, all of Knoxville, and Julie Kirkpatrick and her husband, David, of Arkansas; and

WHEREAS, Jason is also survived by his grandparents, Harvey and Ellen Kite of Oak Ridge, Mary Raisner of Nashville, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Pittman of Cordova, and Jean Tomczyszyn of Knoxville; a cousin he considered special, Adam Sharp of Oak Ridge; and by numerous aunts, uncles, and cousins; and

WHEREAS, Jason will be sorely missed by his sweetheart, Maisha Romain of Oak Ridge; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that this General Assembly should pause to remember the brief yet bountiful life of this exceptional human being; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, That we honor the memory of Jason Samuel Kite, reflecting fondly upon his

impeccable character and his stalwart commitment to living the examined life with courage and conviction.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That we express our sympathy and offer our condolences to the family and many friends of Jason Samuel Kite.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.